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SUBJ: IMCO ASSEMBLY: AFRICAN ISSUES

1. IMCO ASSEMBLY ON FINAL DAY ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

(A) TO AMEND ASSEMBLY RULES OF PROCEDURE TO PROVIDE FOR INVITATIONS TO "LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU...FOR MATTERS OF DIRECT CONCERN TO THEM," AND  
(B) TO REJECT OBSERVER CREDENTIALS OF PORTUGAL IN PRESENT ASSEMBLY AND EXCLUDE PORTUGAL FROM FUTURE CONFERENCES OR MEETINGS OF IMCO. LATTER RESOLUTION SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED BY USSR TO APPLY SAME SANCTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA (WHICH NOT REPRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY). BOTH RESOLUTIONS TABLED BY GHANA UNDER PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF STANDARD ASSEMBLY AGENDA ITEMS ON IMCO RELATIONS WITH UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

2. DEBATE ON RESOLUTION ON LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BECAME SPUN OUT WHEN AUSTRALIA, ENCOURAGED BY US, SOUGHT TO SUBSTITUTE "UN" FOR "OAU", QUICKLY DRAWING STRENUOUS COUNTERFIRE FROM USSR WHICH INSISTED ONLY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY OAU BE CONSIDERED NOW OR IN  
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FUTURE. NO DELEGATION EXCEPT US AND SPAIN SPOKE OUT

AGAINST RESOLUTION, HOWEVER, AND IN END IT WAS ADOPTED  
45-6(US)-15 WITH ONLY SPAIN, UK, US, URUGUAY, BRAZIL  
AND FRANCE OPPOSING. ON THIS AND SECOND RESOLUTION  
LA'S PREDOMINATED AMONG THOSE ABSTAINING.

3. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PORTUGAL (AND, AS AMENDED,  
SOUTH AFRICA) WAS RECEIVED WITH NOTABLY LESS WARMTH BY  
ASSEMBLY AT LARGE, ALTHOUGH PROMOTED THAT MUCH MORE  
STRIDENTLY BY AFRICANS. IN THIS INSTANCE, BESIDES  
SPAIN WHICH HAD ALREADY SPOKEN, FRANCE, BELGIUM, UK  
AND FRG TOOK FLOOR TO SUPPORT OR PARALLEL US INTERVEN-  
TION. IN FINAL MOMENTS OF ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION PASSED  
MUCH MORE CLOSELY 29-23(US)-12.

4. COMMENT. IN PLENARY ATMOSPHERE, WHICH FOLLOWED  
UPON GROUP OF 77 MEETINGS AND DETERMINED AFRICAN PRE-  
SENTATION OF THEIR POSITION AS POLITICAL JUDGEMENT  
ALREADY ARRIVED IN PROPER UN ORGANS, EFFORTS TO HEAD  
OFF RESOLUTIONS ON ARGUMENTS OF CONSTITUTIONAL IRREGULAR-  
ITY OR TECHNICAL NATURE OF ORGANIZATION WERE OF NO AVAIL  
ON QUESTION OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN LIGHT  
GA RES 2980, ALTHOUGH ARGUMENTATION OF US AND OTHERS  
PROBABLY INFLUENCED LARGER AND NEARLY SUCCESSFUL  
COALESCING OF OPPOSITION TO RESOLUTION EXCLUDING  
PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA FROM OBSERVER STATUS AT IMCO  
MEETINGS. RECENT ACTIONS BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CON-  
FERENCE WAS FREQUENT POINT OF REFERENCE IN AFRICAN  
ARGUMENTATION.  
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